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EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN BELONGING TO SCS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken to empower women belonging to SCs with training in entrepreneurship and skill development to improve their lives and livelihood;

(b) the number of women belonging to these groups in each State needed to be provided with jobs training and the estimated expenditure required for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to involve rion-government organizations and industrial houses besides Government agencies to provide these women with training, inputs and information in home care,domestic help care,running beauty parlours and caring for the aged etc. to instill in them the confidence to make their life more meaningful and value to the family and society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC) sponsors short term Skill Development Training Programmes through its State Channelising Agencies for the educated unemployed youth of the target group living below double the poverty line.Under these Programmes,SCAs are required to cover 30% women beneficiaries.The women beneficiaries are provided Skill Training at various Government/Semi Government/Autonomous Bodies in those trades which have good potential based on local requirements of the States.

Besides, vocational training programmes for SCs are also being implemented through NGOs. These programmes,among others, include training in typing and shorthand, craft centres, creche centres/balwadis, hand block printing, spinning and weaving, ophthalmic nurse technician course etc.